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WINTER STORM REPORT

The series of rain and snowstorms that began on Monday, December 15, 2008, is anticipated to pass by tomorrow morning. Although rainfall has been relatively light, the major impact at this time is the County road closures resulting from heavy snow in the mountains and the Antelope Valley. These road closures include:

Soledad Cyn Rd - Lang Station / Pearblossom Hy (Northbound)
Sierra Hy - Vasquez Cyn Rd / Avenue S
Bouquet Cyn Rd - Vasquez Cyn Rd / Elizabeth Lake Rd
Angeles Forest Hy - Angeles Crest Hy / Sierra Hy
Upper Big Tujunga Cyn Rd - Angeles Crest Hy / Angeles Forest Hy
San Francisquito Cyn Rd - Pelton Rd / Elizabeth Lake Rd
Godde Hill Rd - Elizabeth Lake Rd / Avenue N
Lake Hughes Rd - Ridge Route Rd / Elizabeth Lake Rd
Mt Wilson-Red Box Rd - Mt Wilson Cr / Angeles Crest Hy
Glendora Ridge Road

Caltrans has also closed Interstate 5 and State Route 14. These closures have essentially isolated the Antelope Valley from the Los Angeles Basin. Our crews will be working through the night to reopen County roads as soon as possible. It is anticipated that the roadways will be reopened tomorrow morning. Public Works' road closure website (<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/rmd/roadclosure/results.cfm>) will be continually updated with any new information.

The Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale closed their offices due to the weather conditions. We have closed our Building and Safety and Waterworks Offices in the Antelope Valley.

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Our crews will continue to monitor flood control facilities and road conditions in other areas of the County. Our facilities designed to conserve water are operating at full capacity. Since Monday, we have saved over 5,000 acre-feet of water. An acre-foot of water serves two families of four for one year. The Marek, Sesnon, Sayre, and Freeway Complex fire areas are being monitored for any potential landslide movement. We will keep you informed of any significant developments.

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